

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday August 7, 2022

10:30 a.m.

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Welcome to all gathering together with us in worship today! May our time together in God's Word be blessed by Him. We are glad to be gathering together once more!

Receiving Communion – 5:30 p.m., 8:00a.m.

In preparation, examine yourself by asking these questions:

Am I truly sorry for my sins?

Do I believe I am forgiven because of Jesus' suffering and death?

Do I believe in the Real Presence of Christ's Body and Blood in the Sacrament?

Do I desire to be strengthened in faith to live a God-pleasing life, and to forgive others?

This is the faith expressed by the LCMS and those in fellowship with us. All members of fellow LCMS congregations may commune with us. If it is your first time with us, please speak to the pastor before communing.

Prayers

For Healing: Roberta Roberts, Memphis LaFuria, Janet Keiser, Melonie Pence, Mackenzie Viseur, Joe McNeal, John Klekamp, Laura Mueller, Steve Steelman, Herbie Robinson, Reini Morgan, Jeff Lutz, Cheryl Frerichs, JoAnn Fuchs, Florence Collman, Heath Beccue, Dee Galyon, and Declan Treece.

Zion Lutheran School

Government Officials and Nation

Military and all First Responders

ALTAR FLOWERS are given in honor of Zion's teachers and staff from the Board of Education. God's Blessings as we start the new school year.

BULLETINS are given by Jim and Wanda Monke for God's many Blessings.

In our 10:30am service we are installing Miss Jami Pryor as Principal/Teacher (called), Mr. Christopher Covert 7/8 grade teacher (called), and Susan Covert 3 and 5/6 teacher (contract). We welcome you to join us for an informal welcoming and get to know you for all of our teachers during the bible class time in the parish hall.

HYMN OF INVOCATION LSB 790 *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to His temple draw near, joining in glad adoration!
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been sent by His gracious ordaining?
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief eer has failed of relief? Wings of His mercy did shade you.
- 4 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do as with His love He befriends you.
- 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen sound from His people again; Gladly forever adore Him!

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P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

INTROIT *Psalm 33:12-20*

¹²Blessèd is the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!

¹³**The LORD looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man;**

¹⁴from where he sits enthroned he looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth,

¹⁵**he who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds.**

¹⁶The king is not saved by his great army;

a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

¹⁷**The war horse is a false hope for salvation,
and by its great might it cannot rescue.**

¹⁸Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,

on those who hope in his steadfast love,

¹⁹**that he may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine.**

²⁰Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the
beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the
unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the
Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE Page 154 *"Gloria in Excelsis"*

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

C: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT Page 156

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray...

C: **Amen.**

FIRST READING *Genesis 15:1-6*

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." ⁴And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." ⁵And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ⁶And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *Hebrews 11:1-16*

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. ⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. ⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. ¹³These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.

¹⁴For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA & VERSE Page156

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

GOSPEL *Luke 12:22-34*

²²And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. ³²"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY LSB 936 *"Sing Praise to the God of Israel"*

- 1 Sing praise to the God of Israel! Sing praise for His visitation!
Redeeming His people from their sin, accomplishing their salvation,
Upraising a mighty horn within the house of His servant David!
- 2 God spoke by the prophets long ago, His promise on oath recalling—
To Abraham made in former years: of vanquishing foes appalling,
That those He delivered from their fears might gladly and truly serve Him.
- 3 You, child, will go on before the Lord as prophet, His way preparing;
To speak on behalf of God Most High! His counsel of truth declaring:
Rich mercy and grace for all whereby iniquity is forgiven.
- 4 O bright, rising Sun, now shine on us in need of illumination;
Come scatter the shades of sin and death and shatter their domination.
Be guiding our footsteps on the path of peace, in Your presence dawning!

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SERMON *"Can You Count the Stars?"* Genesis 15:5

HYMN OF RESPONSE LSB 765 *"God Moves in a Mysterious Way"*

- 1 God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform;
He plants His footsteps in the sea and rides upon the storm.
- 2 Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, but trust Him for His grace;
Behind a frowning providence faith sees a smiling face.
- 3 His purposes will ripen fast, unfolding ev'ry hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste, but sweet will be the flow'r.
- 4 Blind unbelief is sure to err and scan His work in vain;
God is His own interpreter, and He will make it plain.
- 5 You fearful saints, fresh courage take; the clouds you so much dread
Are big with mercy and will break in blessings on your head.

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INSTALLATION & REDEDICATION OF TEACHING STAFF

APOSTLES CREED Page 159

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

LORD'S PRAYER Page 192

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION Page 166

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

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HYMN OF DEPARTURE LSB 813 *“Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng”*

1 Rejoice, O pilgrim throng! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.

ref Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

2 With voice as full and strong as ocean’s surging praise,
Send forth the sturdy hymns of old, the psalms of ancient days.

Refrain

3 With all the angel choirs, with all the saints on earth
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rapture, noblest mirth.

Refrain

4 Yet on and onward still, with hymn and chant and song,
Through gate and porch and columned aisle the hallowed pathways throng.

Refrain

5 Still lift your standard high, still march in firm array,
As pilgrims through the darkness wend till dawns the golden day.

Refrain

6 At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest;
The pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest.

Refrain

7 Praise Him who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore:
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God forevermore.

Refrain